YFD & Boy Reunite 12 Years After Being Dropped Off

By Dan Murphy

A great reunion took place recently at Yonkers Engine Co. 306 at Oak Street, when members of the Yonkers Fire Department welcomed a 12-year-old boy, Amir, and his adoptive mother. The boy had been dropped off at the firehouse more than 12 years ago by his mother, who was permitted to drop off unwanted children at firehouses as a result of a then-recently passed law. When dropped off, the boy was not allowed to contact his mother, and did not want to be there. After the reunification, the boy said he had been living with his adoptive mother for the past 12 years. The family was overjoyed to be reunited.

Sen. Mayer to Chair Education Committee

By Dan Murphy

State Sen. Shelley Mayer was appointed last month as chairwoman of the State Senate Education Committee. She received the appointment from her Senate colleagues, also from Yonkers, and from New York State Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

City Council to extend terms for another four years

In a letter to all Yonkers businesses and property owners, Yonkers Department of Public Works Commissioner Tom Meier wrote: “A sub-public money over the decision by the City Council President or the city clerk.”

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Yonkers Inspector General Brendan McGrath and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano issued the follow- ing statement upon the release of the inspector general’s report regarding improper actions in the buildings department, including an employee who was working a second job while also accepting bribes, and I will continue to provide the full sup- port of this administration in dealing with dishon- est behavior.

The fact that not enough signatures were collected can be attributed to a few different reasons, depending on your political persua- sion: Yes, the petitions had to be collected dur- ing the holiday season, when most of our time is occupied with things other than politics; and the cold weather didn’t help those collecting signatures. The city has several hundred litter baskets, which

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On Dec. 13, the Yonkers Riverfront Library auditorium was standing room only, filled with more than 180 ninth-grade students from the Yonkers Public Schools who are entering on their path to college success as Yonkers Partners in Education Scholars.

These students, their parents, and members of the YPIE community gathered for the YPIE scholars induction ceremony, with a record number of new YPIE scholars who were selected because of their commitment, drive and focus on their future.

As part of this program, scholars will attend the after-school YPCE College Zone for an extended learning day of rigorous college prep courses, and work with YPIE staff and volunteer mentors from around Westchester.

"Being a YPIE scholar is all about being part of a community," said Sam Wells, chief program officer at Yonkers Partners in Education. "You are now part of something special, a community of students who want more for themselves, who have dreams and are willing to work hard to make them come true. This is one of the few places in Yonkers that brings together students from all eight high schools in Yonkers."

For more information, visit www.YPIE.org.

YPIE Executive Director Wendy Maelst with some of the newest YPIE scholars after their induction ceremony.

The gifts were collected by Simon Eisele and the parishioners of St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church in Yonkers.

Accepting offers from colleges were:

- SOCCER: Chris Fox of Yonkers, to Temple University.
- BASEBALL: Shawn Harris of Mount Vernon, to the University of Richmond.
- FOOTBALL: Chris Fox of Yonkers, to the Stony Brook University.
- LACROSSE: Colin Sharkey of Yonkers, to Sacred Heart University.
- LACROSSE: Dominick Stanzione of Yonkers, to Pace University.
- FOOTBALL: Michael Becce of Eastchester, to the College of Mount St. Vincent; and Michael Becce of Eastchester, to the College of Mount St. Vincent.
- BASEBALL: Nicholas Venuti of Yonkers, to the Southern Connecticut State University; and Jonathan Delango of Yonkers, to Howard University.
- FOOTBALL: Izaiah Walker of Yonkers, to the Sacred Heart University.
- LACROSSE: Tom Orlando of Yonkers, to the Marist College.
- Hockey: Mark Capone of Yonkers, to the Sacred Heart University.
- LACROSSE: Dominick Stanzione of Yonkers, to Pace University.
- SOCCER: Patrick O’Shea of Yonkers, to the University of Richmond.
- LACROSSE: Rob Hom of Yonkers, to Merrimack College.
- LACROSSE: Christian Cappelle of Yonkers, to the University of Richmond.
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- SOCCER: Denzel Monexant of Yonkers, to Elizabethtown College.
- SOCCER: Ryan Gasperini of Yonkers, to the University of Richmond.
- LACROSSE: Dom Nicolo of Yonkers, to Holy Cross University.
- LACROSSE: Matt Casale of Yonkers, to the University of Richmond.
By Eric W. Schoen

Super Bowl Sunday is fast approaching, and many New York fans may be wondering if they’ll be able to attend the game. With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NFL has yet to announce its plans for the upcoming Super Bowl.

The NFL is expected to announce its plans for the Super Bowl in the coming weeks. However, it is unclear whether fans will be allowed to attend the game in person.

Super Bowl LVI is scheduled to take place on February 13, 2022, at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California. The game will feature the Kansas City Chiefs versus the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

For more information, please visit the official NFL website or follow the NFL on Twitter @NFL.
The City of Yonkers was awarded a $3.25 million grant for the continual daylighting of the Saw Mill River by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Economic Development Corporation. The grant will help fund phase 3 of the multi-phase revitalization project, which includes a new urban river and parks through the center of downtown Yonkers. "The daylighting of the New Mill River has proved to be a tremendous boost to Yonkers’ economy, helping to create new jobs and bring new businesses to our downtown," said Mayor Mike Spano. "With this new grant, Yonkers will continue to build existing public parks, uncover the buried river and revitalize the city. New York State has been instrumental to the success of not only the daylighting project, but Yonkers as a whole. I want to thank Gov. Andrew Cuomo, our state delegation and the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council for their continued commitment and investment in Yonkers.

Phase 4 of the Daylighting of the Saw Mill River project proposes continuing the sawmill to its natural state by "daylighting" it.

"The daylighting of the Saw Mill River has major ecological, economic and educational impacts that include tax incentives or other abatements. But at least the city used it for one project that help the city and IDA givebacks, but in exchange for hiring union workers. I also support PLA agreements, including the one that expired between the city and the IDA. Most are not aware of what our occupational labor laws encompass. Union members are portrayed by their collective bargaining agreements, while non-union workers are also protected by their occupational employment standard wage.

Unfortunately, most developers hire general contractors who hire subcontractors that are not abiding by the NYS employment occupational labor laws. In many cases, these non-union contractors hire non-subcontractors to perform their work, and the workers on these construction jobs are not even paid a living wage.

After occupational labor laws were enforced in New York State, and most of our elected officials either don’t know this, or turn a blind eye to it. Many of the non-union construction sites that I have visited in Westchester also do not enforce OSHA laws to ensure safety and proper training on job sites.

I attended the rally outside of City Hall last month in support of hiring local, union construction workers. Unfortunately, nobody is interested in enforcing these labor laws. The workers hired across the city that are receiving benefits and reductions in tax rates, while non-union workers are also protected by the NYS employment occupational labor laws. Or the city should find a developer willing to hire union workers. I also support PLA agreements, including the one that expired between the city and the IDA.

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Upcoming Organ Concert at Reformed Church of Bronxville

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Each of the tax lien referred to in this advertisement will be sold subject to the provisions of the Federal Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act and amendments thereto, as amended from time to time.

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Keep your money safe. Call us today: 800-404-0244.
MGM Names New President & COO of Empire City Casino

MGM Resorts International recently announced the appointment of Norma Valentin to the newly created role of Senior Vice President & Chief Executive Officer of Empire City Casino in Yonkers. In this new role, Ms. Valentin will oversee the entire Empire City Casino operation, including all facets of the casino, entertainment, food and beverage, and gaming operations.

Ms. Valentin has over 25 years of gaming industry experience, having served in a variety of executive positions at Bally’s Corporation and Caesars Entertainment, including leadership roles in marketing, casino operations, and strategic planning.

Prior to joining MGM, Ms. Valentin was the Senior Vice President of Operations at Bally’s Corporation, where she oversaw all aspects of casino and hospitality operations at Bally’s in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Before that, she served as Senior Vice President of Operations at Caesars Entertainment Corporation, where she was responsible for casino operations at Harrah’s New Orleans and Caesars Entertainment’s properties in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Valentin will report to MGM Resorts’ President and COO, Jim Murren, who will continue to oversee the company’s casino operations.

“We are thrilled to welcome Norma to the MGM family,” said Jim Murren. “Her extensive experience and leadership in the gaming industry make her an ideal fit for Empire City Casino. I am confident that she will bring a fresh perspective and innovative ideas to the casino, and I am excited to see what she will achieve in this new role.”

Ms. Valentin is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, and a graduate of Louisiana State University. She began her career in the gaming industry as a dealer at Harrah’s New Orleans, and has held a variety of senior leadership positions at Harrah’s and Caesars Entertainment, including serving as President of Harrah’s New Orleans and Caesars Entertainment’s properties in New Orleans.

Ms. Valentin has served on the board of directors of the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau and was Chair of the Louisiana Hospitality Association. She is a former member of the Louisiana Travel and Tourism Commission and the Louisiana Hotel and Lodging Association.

Community Council Meets

The Fourth Precinct Community Council will meet Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Fourth Precinct Police Station, 333 W. 3rd St., Yonkers. Captain Cavorte, precinct commander, and his staff will be present to address matters of concern. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the Fourth Precinct is invited.

The meeting will not be held if the Yonkers schools are closed due to inclement weather.

DELIVERY DRIVER NEEDED

Delivery driver wanted for weekly newspapers in Yonkers and Westchester County. Experience and own auto preferred. To apply send email to risingsidemailgroup@gmail.com

AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

December 27, 2018

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: A Public Hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. sharp, in the Ceremonial Courtroom, Yonkers, New York (building is accessible to the handicapped), on applications for Variances under the provisions of G.O. # 4-2000, as amended:

# 5576 – Area Variance – Matthew J. Smith, Esq. of Smith, Boas & Jacobs, LLP, on premises known as 460 Central Park Avenue, Block: 6383, Lot: 9, Zone: M

# 5577 – Area Variance – Barbara Altman, on behalf of 1267 Netherland Avenue aka 1219 Yonkers Ave LLC, owners, on premises known as 453 Bronx River Road aka 1219 Yonkers Ave, Block: 6333, Lot: 6, Zone: BA

# 5627 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, on behalf of Charter School of Educational Excellence, owner, on premises known as 220 Warburton Avenue, Block: 2108, Lot: 30, Zone: M

# 5628 – Area Variance – Alan Rosman, on behalf of Yonkers Avenue Management Corporation, owner, on premises known as 1146 East 3rd Street, Block: 6581, Lot: 27.32, Zone: BA

# 5631 – Modify ZBA Condition – Gregory Keshawan, on premises known as 205 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 60, Zone: BR

# 5634 – Area Variance – John P. Cusick, on behalf of 1267 Netherland Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 211 Sommerville Place, Block: 2438, Lot: 29, Zone: I-10

# 5635 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accardi, Esq., on behalf of Virgin Mary Eastern Catholic Orthodox Church, owner, on premises known as 222 Grandview Blvd, Block: 4600, Lot: 1, Zone: S-100

# 5579 – Area Variance – Roseanne C. Breneman at DRETracyB@gmail.com.

FOR FULL AGENDA, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: https://www.yonkersny.gov/government/meetings-agendas/-selcat-97/-toggle-all

Storytelling & Drumming

In Hastings-on-Hudson

The First Unitarian Society of Westches-
ter and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester jointly welcome Irene Strong Oak to address them Jan. 6 from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. at 25 Old Jackson Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson.

Strong Oak is Mi’Kmaq, a First Nations person and the Gaspé Peninsula of Quebec, as well as the northeastern region of Maine. She was thrilled to welcome Empire City to the MGM family. We look forward to further solidifying MGM Resorts’ presence as the enter-
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Petitions Never

Legislature can assist school districts in addressing the challenges they face...
By Dan Murphy

Former Westchester DA and NYS Chief Court Justice Janet DiFiore and Westchester DA Andrew Scarpino have announced their joint endorsement of current County Court Judge and has a consultant.

The battle over who will fill the Court Judge seat in Yonkers began last year, with our source tracking more than 20 candidates. Some are affiliated with Glazer, and others, would be shut out and would be for the other interested candidates listed above, and others, would be shut out and would have to challenge both in a democratic primary in August, and others, would be shut out and would have to challenge both in a democratic primary in August, and only those candidates with more than one local Democratic Chair.

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The Westchester-Putnam Career Center Network was opened by Thom Kleiner, Director of Workforce Development at Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board; bridge Bibbins, Westchester County Office of Economic Development; and WCC President Eric Lander. The school offers a free regional public school open to all students. To apply for the appropriate candidates so they were ready to go on day one. The team’s sound advice for the Westchester Community College to develop a culinary training program that provided select Career Center students with the skills they needed to fill the open positions at FLIK. The college hosted the 10-day sessions in its campus facilities and classes were led by Dan Cohan, the school’s chancellor, and Bridget Gibbons, program specialist for the Career Center. 12, 2019 to 9:00AM. We are accepting new student applications for Grades K-9. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. Information received prior to application deadline will be held in accordance with State Education Law on confidentiality of personal information. We aim to inspire, motivate and instill a love for learning in all children. Send your letters and opinions to us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com. Westchester Congressman Eliot Engel commented on the shutdown, stating: “President Trump said he would only shut down the government if he wasn’t given funding for his nonsensical border wall.” Although the president often flip-flops on his promises, he was more than willing to follow through on this one. Now, thanks to some help from his co-conspirators in the House GOP, we are in a Trump shutdown just before Christmas.” American voters overwhelmingly rejected Republicans’ “sensational cry mongering at the ballot in November, but the GOP’s don’t seem to get the message,” continued Engel. “They’d rather hold an operational government – and the TSA workers for their patriotism in keeping our airlocks open and putting our safety first.” TSA workers for their patriotism in keeping our airlocks open and putting our safety first. “TSA and CBP workers doing so voluntarily without pay. These are our neighbors and we need to be supportive of them as they work to keep us safe. Those in the shutdown would have to get punitive pay.” Latimer visited TSA workers at the Westchester County Airport and it was “undeniable that TSA workers are being used as political pawns,” he said. “It’s hard to explain to our students that government won’t do anything without pay”. These are our neighbors and we need to be supportive of them as they work to keep us safe. Those in the shutdown would have to get punitive pay.” Latimer visited TSA workers at the Westchester County Airport and it was “undeniable that TSA workers are being used as political pawns,” he said. “It’s hard to explain to our students that government won’t do anything without pay”.